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SUBJ: ROBERT SERUMAGA' S THEATER GROUP

1. DEPOFF SPOKE TO HARVEY LICHTENSTEIN OF BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND MEL MCCAWE OF AFRICAN- AMERICAN INSTITUTE. LICHTENSTEIN SAID SERMUMAGA HAD PROPOSED THAT HE GO TO UGANDA TO SEE GROUP IN ACTION IN ORDER DECIDE WHETHER IT SUITABLE FOR BOOKING IN U. S. LICHTENSTEIN ORIGINALLY HAD INTENDED TO ACCEPT BUT RECENTLY CABLED SERUMAGA THAT HE HAD TO DECLINE AT THIS TIME. FYI: LICHTENSTEIN SAID HIS INSTITUTION AND OTHERS HE CONTACTED WITH VIEW TO LATER BOOKING SERUMAGA WERE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO HANDLING A GROUP FROM UGANDA BECAUSE OF CURRENT SITUATION THERE AND UNFAVORABLE REACTION TO IT HERE. LICHTENSTEIN STRESSED THIS NOT MEANT TO BE PERSONAL AFFRONT TO SERUMAGA. END FYI.

2. MCCAWE SAID HE UNABLE BE AS POSITIVE IN HIS RESPONSE AS HE WAS LAST YEAR TO SERUMAGA BECAUSE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HE HAS CHECKED WITH SIMPLY ARE NOT DISPOSED TO BOOKING AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY SUCH AS SERUMAGA' S TROUPE. ROGERS

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